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National News

by Robert N. Taylor

Republicans plan attack on civil rights policies

Having gained control of both the House and the Senate during the recent off-year elections, leading members of the Republican party indicated last week that they plan a major attack on the civil rights policies of the Clinton administration. Most of those policies are favored by black leaders who are now fearful that minority rights in America will suffer as a result of Republican election victories. The man expected to lead the assault is Utah Senator Orrin Hatch. The conservative Republican has already indicated that he feels the positions taken by the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department under Deval Patrick go too far in favoring blacks and promote quotas. Hatch last week labeled some of the policies "outrageous." With a Republican majority in the Senate, Hatch will now head the Senate Judiciary Committee which oversees civil rights laws.—WASHINGTON, DC

Wilma Rudolph dead at 54

Wilma Rudolph, the first prominent black female track star and one of the nation's most admired sports success stories—died of cancer last week at her home in Nashville, Tennessee. She was 54. The tall, elegant Rudolph overcame childhood polio to become a triple gold medalist in sprinting. At one point she was considered the fastest woman in the world. She entered her first Olympics in 1956 at the age of 16. A former coach remarked of the 5'11" Rudolph, "I could tell when you first saw her run that everybody else in the event was going to be in trouble." She became ill in July. A subsequent examination showed both brain and lung cancer.—NASHVILLE, TENN

NAACP future in doubt as furloughs are extended

The future of the nation's leading civil rights organization remained in doubt last week as the two-week NAACP extended for another two weeks the furloughs of 88 employees. Interim chief Earl Shinnorster warned that permanent furloughs were possible if the group could not significantly reduce its \$3.8 million deficit. However, another key figure in the troubled organization said the group plans to retire its debt by the end of this year and that plans to accomplish that were "beginning to gel." The group's largest contributor—the Ford Foundation—came forth with \$500,000 last week. Observers fear that even if the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization does overcome its current problem, its effectiveness will be severely weakened.—GAITHERSBURG, MD

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Whitman opposes Grant's devisive rhetoric

by Paul Joseph

New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman went on WABC Radio's Bob Grant Show last Thursday evening and lectured to the host on his tremendous responsibility to curtail severe, hateful, racial comments frequently made by him and callers.

Grant told the governor on the air that tapes of his comments given to her by a group of African American Clergymen were "edited" and taken out of context.

I was very disturbed by what I had read both in quotes by and from callers. "Whitman said, adding, 'I was very concerned about the kind of dialogue that has been happening.'"

The governor who has made racial tolerance a central theme of her administration, said she must remain "consistent" and will always speak out against racism no matter who spurs it. Last winter, the governor orga-

nized several tolerance teachings throughout the state, where many young people viewed and discussed the Holocaust film, "Schindler's List." He later attacked the Klan College speech of Khalid Abdul Muhammad, Nation of Islam spokesperson. In his thesis, Muhammad had made several racial remarks against Jews and made prominent African Americans.

"Whether it's someone who has been a supporter, someone who has been very helpful to me or someone who I don't know at all who comes in one place to make a speech that is terribly divisive, I would never concede that kind of speech," she said.

Whitman told the popular commentator that he was a "leader" with enormous influence and the ability to affect opinion. With that the governor stated he has the responsibility to refrain himself and his callers from using hateful remarks.

Previously on the air Grant and several

callers referred to African Americans as "primates," "savages" and "shoe shine boys," and called the late Civil Rights Leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. a "bum," "commie" and "scumbag."

When an African American called the show to attack the KKK, Grant called him a swine and said, "on the evolutionary scale, you're about 25 generations behind me."

"That kind of catharsis on airwaves like this hurts our ability to work together as a society," the governor said and when the radio is turned off "people take that home with them and it makes it very difficult to live in the multicultural and multiracial society that we have today."

Responding to the complaints of New Jersey black ministers who called Grant a racist, Whitman, who participated in 14 shows during the past year and invited the host to her inauguration, promised that she would not go back unless it was to discuss racial tolerance.

"I really didn't believe at the time, and I don't believe now, citing her looking at you, that you really enunciated those words," Grant said during the show.

"Well, Bob, I can't back off those words: I did [say that]." Whitman replied, adding that she had not personally heard the host use racial language.

However, she said she had read a magazine article that detailed Grant's remarks about allowing Haitian boat people to drown at sea. To that, Grant said "articles can distort."

"There were more than one," Whitman said, "and that is where the concerns come." Grant went on to explain his remarks on the Haitians noting that the nation had been surged with daily reports of Haitians drifting on shabby sail boats in the Caribbean getting picked up by the U.S. Coast guards.

"I said, 'if we stop picking them up, they

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Rainbow takes action on ABC

WASHINGTON, DC—The Bob Grant Show in New York is profiting by broadcasting racism and hatred in the guise of free speech and "political conservatism." The show is aired over WABC-AM, which is an owned-and-operated station of ABC/Capital Cities. The syndicated radio show of Rush Limbaugh is also broadcast from ABC's facilities.

Bob Grant himself has been a target of "Hate" Jobade's HIV could mature into full blown AIDS so he could lead by example." In addition, Congressman Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) has shared with JaxFax a list of quotes from the Bob Grant show, including, but not limited to, the following:

- ✓ "I can't take the screaming savages, whether they're in that church, the African Methodist Church, the AME Church, whether they're in the streets burning, robbing, looting. I've seen enough of it."
- ✓ "How many times do we have to see it? As long as they're black they can say anything they want."
- ✓ One caller named Frank, from Queens, NY on Khalid Muhammad: "I saw that pile of human garbage screaming out of his mouth, 'I hate you' at Howard University that snarling pack of savages and rabid dogs." Bob Grant's reply, "Vintage Frank...hitting the bulls-eye."
- ✓ He called former Mayor David Dinkins "the man's room." He called the Haitian boat people "subhuman scum." He calls black criminals "savages" or "mutants." He calls welfare mothers "maggots." He calls Congressman Charles Rangel a "pygmy" and calls his point of view a "pygmy mentality."
- ✓ On welfare mothers (imitating an "African-American accent"): "I don't have no job, how 'n I gonna feed my family?" Regular voice: "The only hope we have is

something that we're not brave enough to do. But if there was a new world of tomorrow, they will enact the Bob Grant Mandatory Sterilization Act. I wonder if they've ever figured out how they multiply like that. It's like maggots on a hot day. You look one minute and there are so many there, and you look again and they're still there."

✓ An African American caller called the show to attack the KKK. "I tried to have a conversation with this swine. But I knew in my heart of hearts it's not going to work. Hey, Tim the caller! On the evolutionary scale, you're about 25 generations behind me."

We are investigating whether Gov. Christine Whitman of New Jersey broke a pledge to "no longer appear on this platform of venom."

Rainbow supporter, Reverend Reginald Jackson (across the river) in New Jersey states it well when he says, "We do not challenge Bob Grant's right to be on the air, but we raise serious issue with those who sponsor this program, because their sponsorship confers that they support these views."

Their sponsorship does put and keep on the air this venomous anti-darwinist against a whole race of people. At worst, their sponsorship implies support for such drivel. At best, their sponsorship implies a willingness to overlook any content, and a refusal to make any moral or responsible judgments merely to reach a consumer market. It suggests that they believe the end justifies any means.

Major advertisers were and are advertising on the show. But in the wake of two widely publicized NKKKK protests led by Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton at WABC-AM.

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UVSO honors community leaders



UVSO honors: (front row, l-r): Tillie Oshin, Samdrea Copeland, Gabriella Coleman, president, The Prudential Foundation; (back row, l-r): Rufus Johnson, Ed Young, Eddie Carter, Deshon Carter, Damon Gilliland, and Walter Dowling Missing from photo is Maud Carroll.

NEWARK—The United Valisburg Services Organization (UVSO) honored six community leaders and The Prudential Foundation at its first annual Community Awards Benefit last month.

The winners were nominated by Valisburg residents and selected by a committee on the basis of outstanding community service and leadership, as well as the impact they have had on the quality of individual and community life.

The Prudential Foundation, Corporate Community Honoree: is the philanthropic arm of The Prudential Insurance Company based in Newark, NJ. The Foundation has been a supporter of United Valisburg since 1979 and most recently awarded a \$120,000 grant to UVSO for the UVSO Lincoln School Cooperative Child Care Project.

The six recipients of the UVSO Community Award in each category were:

Maud Carroll, Senior Honoree: Retired music teacher from the Newark parochial school system. She now gives private music lessons in her home.

Tillie Oshin, Senior Honoree: has lived in the Valisburg community for 49 years. She continues to be active in the Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association since its inception. She is also active with the Valisburg Block Association Council and The Crime Task Force.

Eddie Young, Business Community Honoree: Owner of the Ed Young Agency on South Orange Avenue in Valisburg. Through his work with the Valisburg Merchants Association, he is working to improve the facades of businesses, obtaining and maintaining proper trash receptacles, and offering input on police patrols.

Louis Bouding, Daquan Carter, Deshon Carter, Michael Chisolm, Paskin Cooper Samdrea Copeland, Damon Gilliland, Louis Grant, Leonard Robinson, Larry Simms, Modesta Smiley, Natasha Tomlinson UVSO Youth Leadership Corps Youth Honorees: Through the UVSO's Youth Leadership Corps, these youths were placed in summer jobs and community service projects at UVSO, assigned

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SAGE aims to eradicate racism in state agencies

by Paul Joseph

The Coalition of Minority Employees of New Jersey Autonomous Agencies has formed a new civil rights group to monitor and eradicate discriminatory hiring practices within New Jersey's various state agencies and other industries.

The new organization, Society of African-American Governmental Employees (SAGE) will continue to serve as a "watchdog" over affirmative action policies and practices within the agencies as well as the coalition. However, its membership will include city, state, and federal government employees and others who share the group's concern.

Jerry Jackson, chairman of the group said the primary concern of the newly formed group is securing employment opportunities for young African Americans.

"It is rough out there," Jackson said. "We need to look at young blacks in major cities. We want to educate them politically and economically," he said.

Jackson stated that SAGE will help bridge the gap between "blacks who have made it" and the troubled inner-city youths. He plans to invite prominent African Americans in government and private agencies to teach the young how to ready themselves for tomorrow's high-tech world which is vastly approaching.

Jackson also said the state-wide group will "expand our base and increase our economic and political clout."

"We determined that our focus must be on a wider level and not be limited to five or six governmental agencies," Jackson continued. "The state of New Jersey needs such a group to help eradicate systematic and ingrained discriminatory practices that continues to deprive equal employment and promotional opportunity for African Americans."

Members of the new team include Douglas Tucker, president of the Meadowlands Minority Association; James D. Adams former president of Legacy; Joe Goodson, president of the Minority Association of Turnpike employees; Julian K. Robinson former New Jersey Highway Commissioner; Clyde Thomas former director of Administrative Services of the Sports and Exposition Authority; Willie Jones, former director of human services at the New Jersey Highway Authority; Joan Terrell-Paige and Mack Andrews, executive board officials of the Coalition.

The Coalition had been in existence since April of 1993 and included employees of the Turnpike Authority, the Highway Authority and the Meadowlands Sports and Exhibition Authority.

With the theme of "focus on our workforce

similar common problems," the members set out to expose the "lack of fair and equitable treatment at our places of employment."

The group had been involved in fierce battles with the New Jersey autonomous agencies. Members of the coalition had said racism was rampant in the agencies. They said that qualified minorities and women were often overlooked in promotions. They spoke out against the lack of representation of African Americans and women in middle and upper management positions and the failure of the appeals process to address their grievances in a timely manner.

The coalition had also charged that authorities had falsified Equal Employment Opportunity records and that they faced constant harassment and racial slurs from white employees who were never reprimanded.

In April of 1993, the coalition had sought the help of then-Governor Jim Florio. They had asked the former governor to uphold upper-level managers accountable for implementing "fair and equal" employment practices under state and federal laws. They had also called for a speedy resolution of all current complaints pending before the Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Civil Rights.

However, Florio did nothing to resolve

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Mark J. Chastang named president of EO General Hospital

EAST ORANGE—Mark J. Chastang, of Washington DC, has become the second African-American to head a New Jersey hospital. He has been named president and chief executive officer of East Orange General Hospital as well as Essex Valley Healthcare, Essex Valley Medical Transportation Services and the East Orange General Hospital Foundation. He will also become vice chairman of the Hospital's affiliates: The Visiting Nurse Association of Essex Valley and Care At Home.

Chastang joins the hospital after six years with DC General Hospital where he was executive director and chief executive officer of the 410-bed public facility. Previous to that he was associate executive director/chief operating officer.

Prior to joining DC General, he was assistant director of Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia; executive director of Mount Bayon Community Hospital and Delta Health Center in Mississippi. He also worked at New York's Health and Hospital Corporation and Meharry Medical College.

Mr. Chastang received his BA from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, his MPA from the University of Kansas and his MBA



Mark J. Chastang

from Georgia State University.

While at DC General he oversaw the design and construction of a \$35 million ambulatory and critical care center. He also established programs that improved quality of patient care. At Mount Bayou he was successful in obtaining the funding to build a comprehensive neighborhood health clinic.

Community Calendar

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Board of Education is seeking residents who are interested in serving on the Citizens School Budget Advisory Committee. For more info call 908-753-3151.

MONTECLAIR—The Mental Health Association in New Jersey is seeking volunteers for one of its community education programs known as "Project Return Players." For training and registration, call 201-744-2500.

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Bridge, Inc. presents a parenting skills workshop. For further info call 201-399-7797 or 201-372-9224.

ONGOING—The East Orange YMCA is conducting Adult Swim Lessons on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more info call 201-875-5588.

NOW THRU DECEMBER 2
MAHWAH—Ramapo College of New Jersey is hosting a painting exhibition entitled "Hail, These Visions." For more info about times call 201-529-7388.

NOW THRU DECEMBER 8
JERSEY CITY—"How to Achieve Discipline: A New Workshop for Parents and Educators" will take place at Hudson County Community College. For more info call 201-714-2107.

NOW THRU DECEMBER 17
MANHATTAN—Columbia University is having an exhibition of "The Art of Sotho Habitation: Photographs of Rural Painting in Southern Africa" from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 212-854-7285.

NOW THRU JANUARY 20
MANHATTAN—The Multiple Sclerosis Society is launching a nationwide search for artists with multiple sclerosis for "The Creative Will: The 1993-94 exhibition of Rembrandt." For more info call 212-476-0442.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College is offering a one-day class from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. "The GED Practice Test." students are able to take practice GED exams.

Send Community Calendar events to
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How well can you spell?



Winners of the 1994 Leaders for Literacy Spelling Bee sponsored by the Newark Literacy Campaign and Senior Services. (above) First Place: Broad National Bank, from left to right: Jaci Glogowski, Paul Colardaci, Tina Coelho, L'Tanya Williamson, Judge, Second Place: Essex County College Community and Continuing Education, (below) from left to right: Irene Gibson, Judy Darnbrough, Sue Rosenkranz, director of Senior Services Literacy Connection; Richard Bogart, Joan Arnold, and WWOR-TV Anchor Woman Brenda Blackmon Judge.



Mark Andreacci (c) National Starch Scholar, and Saul K. Fenster, (r), president of New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) accept a scholarship check from James A. Kennedy, (l), president and CEO of National Starch and Chemical Co. The National Starch and Chemical Company has donated \$40,000 to the Institute to fund the second year of the National Starch and Chemical Company Scholarship. The scholarship fund supports nine outstanding NJIT students majoring in chemical engineering.

to see if they are ready for the actual exam. For more info call 201-714-2107.

NOW THRU JANUARY 19
JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College's Continuing Education Department is offering several computer classes this fall. For more info call 201-714-2107.

NOW THRU JANUARY 23
MANHATTAN—The Museum of the City of New York is featuring a special exhibition entitled "A New York Holiday" Admission is free. For more info call 212-534-1672.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 26
EWING TOWNSHIP—Trenton State College will be hosting a major African-American art exhibition entitled "Free Within Ourselves: African-American Art from the Museum's Collection." For more info call 609-771-2368.

NOW THRU MARCH 5
MANHATTAN—"Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary American Art" will be appearing at the Whitney Museum of American Art. For info on times of showing, call 212-570-3633.

NOW THRU JANUARY 6
SUMMIT—There will be an exhibition of "Paintings from New Jersey Collections" at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts. For more info call 908-273-9121.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28
JERSEY CITY—The last of a series of teacher workshops offered by The Center for Technology and Teaching of Jersey City State College. For more info call 201-200-3094.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Board of Education will conduct a committee discussion at 7 p.m. in the P.H.S. Conference Room.

NOVEMBER 28
JERSEY CITY—Stephen L. Carter, a Professor of Law at Yale University, will deliver a Jersey City State College Faculty Lecture at 3 p.m. in room 202 of Hesburgh Hall on the JCSC campus. For more info call 201-200-8495.



Mayor Sharpe James

Dianne Pearson, Counselor-Educator, Plainfield Public Schools, and Newark Mayor Sharpe James were two of the nine individuals and one organization who were honored by Black New Jersey Magazine at its awards ceremony on Saturday, November 12.

Pearson was honored as Educator of the Year Plainfield and Mayor James received the Distinguished Award for Political Service.

All proceeds will benefit the Black Achievement & Awards Scholarship Fund, which assists socially, culturally and economically disadvantaged students in continuing their education in a college or university.

The other 1994 award recipients are: Entrepreneur of the Year, Anthony & Rita Mack, owners and



Dianne Pearson

operators of McDonald's Restaurants in Atlantic City; Educator of the Year, Dr. R. Mark Harris, Superintendent, Atlantic City Public Schools; Outstanding Leadership Award, Rosalind Norrell Nance, City Council President, Atlantic City; Community Service Award, Atlantic County Women's Center, Beverly Gilbert, Executive Director; Sports Figure of the Year, Leavander Johnson, Boxer, Atlantic City; Distinguished Casino Service Award, Patrick McCoy, Chief Operating Officer, Bally's Park Place Associate; Philadelphia of the Year, Ms. Jean C.W. Smith, Philadelphia, PA.; and Outstanding Personality of the Decade, Ms. Bessie M. Williams, Community Servant & Owner/Operator of Bessie's Delicatessen of Atlantic City.



The Newark Homeless Health Care Project celebrated the opening of its new office with a comic relief campaign for the homeless. Pictured are Project staff members. The new location of the facility is 32 Green St.

Luncheon highlights Queen's visit



Attendees and hosts of the recent reception to welcome Ghana's First Lady Queen Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings, to America, are (r-l) Sherry Ayitette, director, 31st December Women's Movement; East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper; Connie Woodruff, columnist and workshop moderator; Virginia Fletcher, EO General Hospital Board Member; Patricia Palmieri, director, WISE Women's Center; George M. Wallhauser, Jr. EO Hospital Board Chairman; Mildred Crump, Newark councilwoman; His Excellency Ekwow Spio-Garbrah, Ghana's Ambassador to the US and Nita Gill, assemblywoman 27th District, (seated) First Lady of East Orange, Sandy Cooper and Queen Nana Konadu Agyeman-Rawlings.



Also attending the reception were Professor, activist Dr. Leonard Jeffries (l) and Al Bundy, director of Seton Hall University's Project 2000.



Senator Winona Lipman (l) and Joyce Harley, president, Delta Sigma Theta Montclair Alumnae Chapter made presentations to the Queen.

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Washington, DC native crowned "Miss Black World"

The first Miss Black World Beauty & Modeling Pageant was held Saturday, November 12 in the Washington, DC suburb of Crystal City, Virginia and Miss Yolanda Sampson of Washington, DC captured the prestigious crown. Sampson's victory came after a week-long competition among 12 finalists who were selected from a field of over 60 applicants. Sampson—a 26-year-old graduate of Howard University's School of Communications—just barely out-scored first runner-up Debra McTier of Williamsville, New York and second runner-up Crystal Justine of Los Angeles, California. The top prize was a \$10,000 cash award. Persons interested in future pageant plans can write: Miss Black World, PO Box 65001, Washington, DC 20035.—CRYSTAL CITY, VA

Group says civil rights movement has failed

A group of veteran civil rights activists from the 1960's and early 70's recently gathered at a Connecticut college to reflect on the progress of the movement for black rights and empowerment. However, the conclusion emerging from the gathering was that there was little to celebrate. University of Wisconsin African Studies professor Herbert Hill told the nearly 250 people assembled that the high point of the civil rights movement was the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and that "there has been a massive retreat ever since." He concluded, "Abolishing legal racism did not produce racial equality." Even former U. S. Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach concluded that most civil rights legislations, "did nothing for the great mass of African Americans in this country."—NEW LONDON, CT

Urban League hosts community bank night

EAST ORANGE—The Urban League of Essex County will host a Community Bank Night on Tuesday, November 29, at the YMCA of East Orange.

Through the Housing Education program the Urban League has provided pre-mortgage seminars and courses for 376 potential home buyers this year. The course includes lessons in shopping for a home, the real mortgage approval process, how to improve your chances of home ownership, property selection and pricing, purchase procedures, and pre and post occupancy maintenance.

The final phase of the housing

education effort is to provide networking opportunities between banks/mortgage lenders and potential home buyers. The Community Bank Night is part of that networking effort. Home buyers will meet bankers in a relaxed and informal environment and find out about different ways to get mortgages. Individuals will also have an opportunity to inquire about Fannie Mae government insured mortgages.

Admission is free and open to the public. The session will run from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For additional information please call or RSVP to 201-746-7725.

Whitman opposes

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would stop making those boats, and setting out from Port-au-Prince and risking their lives."

Grant said that a caller asked, "and what if they drown?"

"I said, 'if they drown, word would get back to Port-au-Prince and they would stop.'"

Rainbow takes action

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AM on October 28 and November 16, and moral appeals by clergy and community leaders, several major companies have pulled their advertising spots from the show.

The following commercial sponsors have declared that they will no longer buy advertising time on The Bob Grant Show: ADP, a local New Jersey business; AMTRAK; Continental Airlines; Delta Airlines; First Data Corporation (Moneygram); New Jersey Transit; Blue Cross, US Air and Xerox.

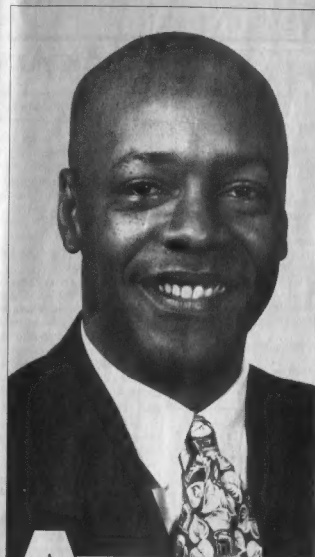
In a letter to Rev. Jesse Jackson, the First Data Corporation stated: "We deeply regret that our advertising ran in conjunction with the Bob Grant call-in show on WABC Radio. Under no circumstance do we agree with or condone any of the comments made by Mr. Grant. We have instructed our advertising agency to remove any advertising support from his show and to refrain from buying any schedule that might allow our advertising to appear on his show in

the future."

Jax Fax thanks these corporations for taking a stand against racism. The National Rainbow Coalition supports the right to free speech but we will not, with our tax and consumer dollars, support an industry's divisive, hateful propaganda. Bob Grant's show is a well-funded conduit for the racist, hate-baiting ideas that exacerbate racial tensions. We encourage Grant's other sponsors to follow suit and cease to fund Grant's attempts to perpetuate racism and polarize Black and White communities with negative stereotypes and hostile rhetoric.

If you would like to let WABC-AM know what you think of this kind of programming please call the President & General Manager of WABC-AM, Don Bouloukos, or John Mainelli, the Program Director, at 212-613-3801. The fax at WABC-AM is 212-947-1340.

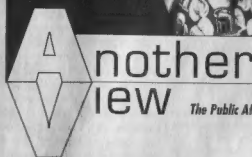
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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Whitman backs her position

We congratulate Governor Whitman for reiterating her opposition to the use of racist and divisive language, no matter who utters the words. Governor Whitman took this posture during her November 17 visit to the Bob Grant show.

For anyone who actually listened to the program, Governor Whitman did not make amends as the other media attempted to portray her appearance. She stated emphatically that she did not approve of the kind of ideas conveyed by Grant or his callers when they used divisive language.

Some wanted her to challenge him directly on his comments. Anyone familiar with Grant's style knows that that tactic would have been pointless. Grant only allows conversation that supports his views.

It took courage for the Governor to appear on the program knowing that she would face the same audience that had barraged her office with hostile letters about her betrayal, since she said she would not appear on the Bob Grant show again.

However, the Governor did go into the lion's den and came out with dignity.

Hopefully, other politicians who have chosen to use hate talk radio as a way to win voters have followed this situation closely. Aligning yourself with hate mongers can have grave consequences.

Letter to the Editor

Enough is enough!

Dear Editor:

My Lord! I really don't know what offended me more—knowing how those two little boys truly suffered their last few moments alive on this earth...or the continuing practice of some people to engage this nation in racist games.

Can you imagine how those two children left this world? Strapped powerless into the back of their mother's car...water swirling all around them as the car slipped deeper in the cold, dark, murky water...gasping for air...holding each other while calling/whispering out for a mother who had just said good-bye before sending them into that watery grave?

What manner of a woman would kill her kids over a man? Certainly not someone who ever professed to have loved them, truly loved them.

And what manner of a woman would send this already divided nation on an even more divisive hunt for a big, black bogeyman who she said had snatched up her kids and her car?

This nation has enough problems. And by you, without the help of another liar. And black America has enough problems, without some fresh young thing setting up another black man for unspeakable injustice because she could not own up to her own transgressions.

We have lost too many black men to lynching and the electric chair because of a white woman's lie.

And we have lost more than enough children to both abuse and death because of some stupid woman having the hots for a man who wasn't even worthy of a dead dog's love.

Enough is enough! Don't even waste any taxpayers' money on a trial. After all, she admitted to their murders. And by admitting that she had strapped two defenseless children into her car so that they could not escape...that made her sons' murders premeditated—not the act of someone crazy. She knew what she was doing. So, all of the common sentence for murders—the electric chair, the gas chamber and lethal injection—are really too kind for what she did. So, let's just give her what she deserves.

Strap her into a car, put the car into gear, and let her sink into a cold, murky water from which there can be no return. I truly don't think that she will be uttering the name of that man for whom she had the hots and sacrificed those two innocent boys when she takes her last breath.

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Black Americans deceived by their leaders

by Rev. Lester James

Over hundreds of years black people have overcome legal slavery, racism and segregation. Now blacks face yet another obstacle that must be overcome; deception by their own black leaders. For too long, blacks have relied on their leaders to tell them what is politically "beneficial" to the black community even when it was morally wrong.

Through their failure to be politically sophisticated. The black community has allowed their values to be suppressed. Black political leaders have allowed white liberals to take black people for granted, counting on blacks' ignorance of the political process and willingness to believe what any black man with a fancy title tells them to believe.

The symbolic gestures and tokenism, extended to a few select black leaders who have figured out how to play the political game run by white liberal power brokers, haven't netted any positive gains for the black community.

Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders may represent the black skin color in the Clinton administration, but she doesn't represent the values of black people. A black woman and mother who thinks so little of young people that she just assumes they are all sexually active is not a true representative of black America. Providing teenagers with condoms and pills, then letting taxpayers pay for abortions when those methods fail, hasn't pulled anyone out of poverty or taught our young black men personal responsibility.

sponsibility.

The elitist attitude of black leaders—that they know better than the people they claim to represent, that they are better because they are "enlightened"—must not be tolerated any longer, not just because it is offensive, but because it is crippling the black community.

Many blacks may not know that the \$500 family tax credit that Congressman John Kasich (R-OH) recently proposed in the 103rd Congress was rejected by every member of the Congressional Black Caucus, but they do know that families are overtaxed and any little incentive to keep them together would be a help.

If black voters were aware of their representatives' voting records, then maybe some of these black leaders would be held accountable for voting against the values of their constituents. That's why the Traditional Values Coalition, a national grassroots lobby of 31,000 churches of various racial and socio-economic backgrounds publishes a Black Caucus Voter's Guide. We want black voters to educate themselves. We want them to learn just how the Black Caucus, which claims to be like them, has misrepresented them by voting for legislation that perverts their traditional beliefs, or by refusing to vote for legislation that promotes them.

When given the chance to prevent public schools from promoting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle with public tax dollars, only one member of the Black Caucus opposed the measure. Homosexuality has never been considered acceptable by the black community, but then the Black Caucus leaders are taking their cues from white liberals, not their black constituents.

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The idea that school prayer provides some sort of hope, stability, and conscience for young people is vital, yet only half of the Black Caucus voted for it on the House floor this year. The first amendment rights of employees to express their religious values, or faith in the work place, such as wearing a cross or yarmulke, which in 1994 the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sought to curb, was upheld by less than half of the caucus members.

Why? Because not rocking the religiously-biased liberal boat was more important than reaffirming the religious freedom of all Americans. The members of the Congressional Black Caucus, with the exception of its lone Republican Member Gary Franks of Connecticut, have sold out their black constituents.

It is easy for some political pundits to dismiss these issues as "Republican" or "White," but they are basic values questions. To suggest that black people, as a race, have different values of right and wrong, of moral and immoral, is racist. Blacks have never accepted deviance and sin as a community. Just because some black self-styled "leaders" have made their political beds with the forces of liberalism doesn't mean their constituents agree with them or that they have abandoned their traditional beliefs.

While black America is not guilty of supporting their leaders' messages, they are guilty of not holding them sufficiently accountable. It is the fault

of the black community that these so-called leaders have amassed so much power and stayed in Washington so long that they have become part of the problem. As a people, blacks fought hard for their right to vote and struggled for the opportunity to hold public office. Are black people so easily pacified that a black body in Congress is all they want, regardless of that person's character and beliefs?

So much of our culture today is aimed at blaming white America for problems in the black community. Yet, one of today's biggest crimes against black America is being perpetrated by black leaders. In a sort of reverse racism, blacks have let them get away with what they would never let white leaders do to them. Some see voting for a black candidate as a way of standing up for the black race.

But the way to really stand up for the black race is to stand up for the values that are the foundation of their people: strong families, personal pride and responsibility, a strong work ethic, and faith in God. Black people must support candidates and leaders who embody these virtues that fortify their community, whether that candidate is black, white, Asian or Hispanic, and must reject those who do not, even if they are black.

CityNews welcomes your comments on this column.

Rev. Lester James is a member of the national Advisory Committee of the African-American leadership group Project 21 and is a practicing minister in Washington, DC.

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OCT. 25 THRU DEC. 13

NEW BRUNSWICK—George Street Playhouse is offering a Teen Acting Class from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. where children will perform for invited guest at the close of the program. For more info, call 908-846-2895.

NOVEMBER 1-30

JERSEY CITY—The eleven branch libraries in the Jersey City Public System will offer children aged 7 and older the opportunity to create autobiographical books at workshops throughout Jersey City. Each workshop begins at 11 a.m. For more info, on dates and locations, call 201-547-5664.

NOVEMBER 27 AND DECEMBER 11

MOUNTAINVIEW—The Planetarium at Trailside Nature and Science Center will be featuring "All About Orion" at 2 p.m. in the planetarium. For more info, call 908-789-3670.

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Exhibition of teens' works of public art

JERSEY CITY—Two works of public art by Jersey City teens—a drug abuse prevention message to appear on local billboards and an outdoor mural celebrating a landmark Jersey City neighborhood—will be the focus of an exhibition at the Jersey City Museum on Wednesday, November 29, 1994, through February 18, 1995.

Entitled Public Art 1994, the exhibition documents how the billboard and mural images evolved as the students underwent intensive training, committed themselves to hard work, and learned to work collaboratively.

In addition to photographs of these large, outdoor images, which reflect the social consciousness and concerns of the high school students involved, the exhibition includes a variety of preliminary studies. Produced as part of the Museum's Public A.R.T. (Art-Related Training) Project during this past summer.

The Public A.R.T. Project, begun in 1993, and provides young people with a summer opportunity to create art under the guidance of professional artists and to earn money for their work. In the process they acquire training and skills to prepare them for the job market.

A black-and-white photograph of the ten students who collaborated on the billboard, accompanied by the statement "Who Cares If Our Lives Are on the Line" and an 800 number to call for help in finding treatment for substance abuse, is the finished billboard image. Preliminary sketches and photographs, used during brainstorming sessions in the design process, explore aspects of fear, rage, anxiety, and death related to drug and alcohol addiction.

Urban League of Essex County starts Jr. NULITES program

NEWARK—The Urban League of Essex County has openings for youths ages 6 to 13 years of age in the Jr. NULITES after-school program. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe haven with educational enrichment for Essex County youth. Activities include homework and tutoring, computer lab two days a week, educational field trips, leadership development training and snacks.

Jr. NULITES is also a preparation for the high school NULITES employment opportunities. Jr. NULITES is licensed by the state and supervised by two state certified teachers Monday through Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Urban League Headquarters.

Call the Urban League at 201-733-9313 for information.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving

YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Being a part of Cities In Schools

by Kia Salter

When I first became a Cities In Schools Burger King Academy student, I thought it would be like any other program, but now I realize it is much more.

Burger King Academy has made me feel that I am special and can do anything if I keep my mind on my studies. This project is an opportunity for so many kids that want to do something positive with their lives.

Cities In Schools offers us so much help like mentors who are positive role models. They are our friends who want to help us with our problems and they want to spend time with us because they care about what happens to us.

We also have tutors who will help us with our class work and homework when we are having trouble in any of our subjects.

Before this program started I heard people say, "This program will never work. Those kids will never learn anything in the city of Newark." Well, they are wrong! This program has given us kids a better chance to learn because we have teachers who care about us and who want us to learn, to achieve, and to succeed. Our teachers say that we are a family and that BKA not only means Burger King Academy but also Better Know-



Newark residents Kia Salter (r) and her mother Louise Salter attend a national Cities In Schools conference in Arlington Virginia

edge Acquired.

I am very happy that I am a student at Cities In Schools Burger King Academy, and I am looking forward to a very busy and exciting school year. Thank you Cities In Schools for caring about Newark Children.

Kia Salter is a ninth grader at Malcolm X Shabazz High School in Newark. Salter is the winner of the Burger King nationwide essay contest entitled: "The most important reason I enjoy being a cities in schools student."

Outstanding partnership recognized



The Essex Office of the Handicapped and the Essex County Job Bank for the disabled co-sponsored a Job Expo commemorating October as National Disabilities Awareness Month. Curtis Mooney, former client of The First Occupational Center of NJ and his employer were presented awards as outstanding citizen and outstanding employer. Shown (L-R): OCNJ Placement Specialist, Craig Batten and Debra Woolf; Sue Marum, OCNJ Coordinator of Employment Services; Darlene Fasciani, OCNJ Placement Specialist; Former OCNJ Client, Curtis Mooney, Award Recipient; Robert Barzallato, Jr., V.P., Information Processing Technologies, Inc.; Robert Ramos, OCNJ Placement Specialist; and Robert Barzallato, Sr., President, Information Processing Technologies, Inc.

Council seeks artistic contestants


EAST BRUNSWICK—The Delaware Raritan Girl Scout Council is providing local artists with an opportunity to showcase their talents and creativity during the Contemporary Issues Table Display Contest, beginning December 1.

Girl Scout Contemporary Issues are programs designed to help girls gain skills and awareness to better deal with problems that could potentially thwart their healthy development.

The deadline for submitting the table display is February 1, 1995. A panel of judges will make their decision in mid-February, with the winning

artist receiving a case of Girl Scout cookies and a feature in the Girl Scout Family newsletter. All contestants will receive a box of Girl Scout cookies and a certificate of appreciation.

"All of the displays will be very visible in the community," explained Dianne Donnelly, executive director of the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council. "We plan on using them during Girl Scout Week, March 12-18, 1995, in libraries, post offices, schools, churches and other public places. The artists will have a chance to get their name out there, too." Any interested artists should contact Mary Hinch at 609-799-7946 for contest rules.




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Safety guidelines for traveling with food

Many callers to the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline ask whether traveling with a turkey is safe to do according to Susan Coney, director of the nationwide tollfree hotline.

"Yes, it's alright if some safe handling rules are followed to avoid foodborne illness," the directors said.

Guidelines for traveling with hot and cold food:

- When cooking in advance, divide foods into small, shallow containers and cool quickly. This includes the carved turkey.
- Do not attempt to partially cook meat and poultry ahead of time and then finish cooking at the destination.

Transport cold or frozen foods in an insulated cooler with a cold source.

Hot foods should be kept hot, and should not be held at room temperature over two hours. Wrap well to insulate.

Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold.

Sometimes it's safer just to give up on the idea of taking your feast across the country. Look for new traditions when you get there.

For more information call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline tollfree at 1-800-535-4555.

Cut waste: donate unwanted items to charity

NEWARK—Using the motto "one person's trash is another person's gold," the City of Newark is preparing to publish a new guide designed to connect people who want to dispose of usable household items with local non-profit groups that need these items.

"Newark believes it can help reduce the amount of trash generated here by getting usable items that one person might throw away into the hands of those who would consider these items valuable resources," Mayor James said.

"People are always disposing of clothing they outgrow, furniture that's getting a little worn and toys the kids don't play with any more. But as long

as they're still usable, the landfill is the last place we would want to put these items."

According to the mayor, "Sec-

ond Chances—The Planet Newark Guide To Putting Things To Good Re-Use," will contain a comprehensive listing of Newark organi-

zations that accept donations of used household and office goods.

"In addition to helping us reduce the amount of refuse generated, we hope the guide will also serve to publicize the very important work that's being done by Newark's charitable groups and help them get donations of used items they need."

The city recently mailed questionnaires to more than 600 Newark organizations to get information on the used goods they accept for donation.

"We want to have as complete a list as we can, so we're asking anyone who gets a questionnaire to fill it out and return it as soon as possible," James said. "And we're also asking any groups that haven't received a questionnaire to call us for a copy so they can be included in the guide."

Questionnaires for groups that want to be included in "Second Chances—The Planet Newark Guide To Putting Things To Good Re-Use" can be obtained by calling Frank Sudol at 733-4356.

Enjoy the holidays without discomfort

HOUSTON—For people who suffer from indigestion during the holidays, relief is spelled m-o-d-e-r-a-t-i-o-n.

The holidays are a common time for people to get indigestion, so you can avoid ruining the festivities by being careful about how, when and what you eat.

According to Dr. Alan Buchman, assistant professor of medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, "If you eat holiday leftovers late at night, the esophagus cannot clear out the acid before you go to sleep," Buchman said. "When you lie down flat, there is no gravity to help the

esophagus force out the acid."

Holiday revelers should keep fatty foods to a minimum, because they may increase the risk of heartburn. "The fat in creamy sauces and other foods can cause acid build-up," said Buchman.

Heartburn signs to watch for may include a burning sensation in the chest or throat, nausea, coughing while eating, and difficult or painful swallowing.

Antacids usually relieve heartburn symptoms, but if they are taken regularly, they can cause constipation or diarrhea.

For a heartburn-free holiday:

- Eat small meals.
- Avoid or cut back caffeine-containing products like cola, coffee, tea, and chocolate, mints, aspirin, cigarettes and alcoholic beverages.
- Refrain from wearing tight belts or other restrictive clothing.
- Do not bend over immediately after eating.
- Wait at least one hour before lying down after eating.

"It's unrealistic to stay away from rich foods during the holidays," Buchman says, "but use commonsense and don't overdo it."

Getting the best out of your holiday bird

WASHINGTON, DC—At Thanksgiving, you might wonder how you had your own personal genie. Your wish? Poo! The turkey and all the trimmings are done safely, perfectly, hot and waiting on the table.

Wishful thinking? Possibly. But a turkey done turkey style and not something out of a brass lamp.

If you're like most people, the three things you'd wish for, turkey-wise, are: defrost it, cook it and let the leftovers away.

Since the majority of American turkeys are sold frozen, how to defrost frozen birds is extremely important.

Defrosting the turkey

The easiest way is to put the frozen turkey in the refrigerator, allowing one day for each 5 pounds. After a few days the turkey should be defrosted.

Now, some people claim not to have time in the refrigerator. And some, not knowing how long it takes to defrost a turkey safely under refrigeration, do not allow enough time.

There are two other safe ways to defrost a frozen turkey. One is the cold water method. Even a 20-pound bird can be thawed in 10 hours by this method:

Submerge the wrapped turkey in cold water, changing the cold water every 30 minutes.

The other safe way to defrost turkey is using the microwave. Remove the wrapping as soon as it becomes loose. It's safe to leave the meat back on the turkey legs while microwaving but check your specific oven's manual.

Place the turkey in a glass baking dish and rotate it top to bottom and end to end during defrosting. A general rule is 6 minutes per pound on medium-low (30 percent power), or a little more than an hour for a 12-pound turkey. Consult your oven manual for times and power settings.

If the turkey defrosts in the refrigerator or by the cold water method sooner than needed, it will be safe another one or two days in the refrigerator—the same storage time as for fresh turkey.

Cooking preparations

To prepare the turkey for roasting, remove the wrappings and pull out the neck and giblets. They may be in the cavity and tucked under the neck skin. Rinse the turkey and cavity with cold running water and pat it dry with paper towels. Again, if not needed immediately, refrigerate the turkey.

If you will be stuffing the turkey, wait until you're ready to put it in the oven. Stuffing left in turkey overnight encourages bacterial growth.

After loosely stuffing the turkey, rub the skin with oil, if desired. Place turkey breast-side up in a baking pan and cover it loosely with a tent of aluminum foil.

Then, insert a meat thermometer into the meaty part of the inner thigh. Now the bird is ready for the oven.

There's a fine line between a moist, safely cooked turkey and an overcooked, dry bird.

Susan Coney, director of the USDA's Meat & Poultry Hotline, said, "A lot of people have questions about the safety of their turkeys. If they'd only use a meat thermometer,

they could be sure theirs was cooked to a safe temperature."

Choosing the right meat thermometer

There are several types of meat thermometers. Some are heatproof and can withstand oven temperatures and remain in the turkey for the entire cooking time.

Some read out instantly and are used to test the turkey when taken out of the oven. Temperature probes built into microwave ovens and microwave-safe thermometers can be used in microwave cooking.

Pop-up timers are a type of meat thermometer. They are usually reliable but can only measure one area of a turkey. To double check use a regular meat thermometer to test the temperature several places in the turkey.

Is it done yet?

When the turkey is done, the meat thermometer should read 180 degrees F in the dark meat and 170 degrees F if cooking just the turkey breast. Stuffing should reach 165 degrees F. Be sure to test the temperature in several areas. A turkey has thick and thin parts and temperatures

can vary.

To check visual signs of doneness, pierce the turkey with a fork; juices should run clear. The legs should wiggle in the sockets. Tenderness is also a sign the turkey has reached a safe temperature.

When the turkey is done, take it out of the oven. Let the stuffed turkey stand 20 minutes. Then remove the stuffing and place it in a covered serving bowl in a warm oven—at least 200 degrees F.

Storing left-overs

If turkey and trimmings are left out at room temperature more than two hours, harmful bacteria can multiply to unsafe levels and cause illness.

Carve the meat off the bones. Refrigerate left-overs in small, shallow containers so they will cool to a safe temperature quickly or wrap in foil.

Be sure the containers and packages are sealed tightly to avoid cross contamination due to contact with uncooked meat and poultry in the refrigerator.

Use leftover turkey and stuffing within three to four days; or freeze these foods for longer safe storage.

Giving a helping hand



Two East Orange children receive hot meals from the Salvation Army Captain at the Messiah Baptist Church. The free evening food program is offered every Friday at the church. Serving the meals is Army Capt. Raphael Jackson and Carolyn Monel, asst. director, EO Dept. of Welfare. For information on the program call 201-266-8817.

UVSO honors

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Organizing Summer Day Camp and Infant/Toddler/Pre-School Program. As a group, they participated in the "Adopt-a-Child" program, where Conjs members spent one full day each week as a personal companion of a child in the center.

Walter Doward Community Resident Honoree: works with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, School Based Program. He has assisted residents in job search and in seeking information from city agencies to address problems and concerns of the neighborhood.

Rufus Johnson Public Servant Honoree: works as an aide to State Senator Councilman Ronald L. Rice and has served the Valisburg community for 12 years coordinating West Ward youth activities.

The winners represent the true strength of the Valisburg neighborhood and of stable communities everywhere. They are outstanding volunteers who inspire others by their energy and action," says Mike Farley, Executive Director of UVSO.

Unified Valisburg Services Orga-

nization is a neighborhood-based, human services and community development agency created in 1973 by the residents of the Valisburg section of Newark.

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the coalition's complaints. In the 1993 gubernatorial election, the group endorsed Christine Todd Whitman who promised she would look into their concerns. Following the election, they said Governor Whitman discarded them.

Autonomous or independent agencies have jurisdiction over a great amount of public facilities, but they are not a part of the state government. However, the agencies remain on good terms with the government through the practice of political patronage. Commissioners to the various agencies are appointed by the governor and some high governmental officials sit on the board of the agencies.

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NOVEMBER 25

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will have a Thanksgiving Festival entitled "Lunar Legacy: 25th Anniversary of the Moon Landing" from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

NOVEMBER 26

MONTCLAIR—The Channie Theater Company presents "Grandma's House," written and directed by Carl Wynn. Held at East Orange at the Blooming Grove Center, 544 Bloomfield Avenue at 8 p.m. For more info, call 201-675-5978.

LYNDHURST—Down Home Blues presents its first "Blues Fast" at the Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament Castle featuring Bo Diddley, Jr. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. For more info, call 201-633-2220.

NOVEMBER 27

MONTCLAIR—The Spirit of Life Ensemble will appear at the Trumpeter's Jazz Club at 6 Depot Square. Call 201-740-6100 for reservations.

NOVEMBER 30

NEWARK—Essex County College is having an Evening Coffee House in celebration of Puerto Rican Heritage Month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Main Dining Hall. For more info, call 201-877-1892.

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Fellowship grants available for artists

TRENTON—The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is currently offering Fellowship grants to individual artists who reside in New Jersey. Through the fiscal year 1996 Fellowship application, New Jersey artists who are not enrolled in a matriculated undergraduate program may apply for funding to support their ability to continue producing new work.

To apply for the Fellowship, artists must submit a recent work sample for evaluation by an independent peer panel which is convened for each discipline. The work samples are reviewed by the panel anonymously with the sole criteria being artistic quality.

Interested artists should contact the NJ State Council on the Arts at 609-292-6130 for a copy of the Fellowship Guidelines and Application and information on the grants workshops to be offered. The application deadline is December 15, 1994.

Hoop, there it is '94-95 season preview, Eastern Conference

by Mark C. Williams

Baseball—that game, you'll recall, that uses bats, gloves and ball—has traditionally been referred to as America's national pastime. We can now see, however, that our international sport/export of choice is basketball, and nowhere was that more clearly illustrated than in South Africa during the period surrounding the inauguration of President Nelson Mandela.

A group of young whites told Rev. Jesse Jackson of their hope that their country would now be readmitted into the family of nations, the result of which being that perhaps Michael Jordan or Michael Jackson would visit. As such, of all that one might associate with the United States or the world, for that matter, the first thought coming into their minds was of Michael Jordan.

So in this year when one has been hard-pressed to differentiate the sports pages from the business section of the legal column, we note a collective worldwide design of relief that the 1994-95 NBA season will be played as scheduled.

And joining in the feeling of relief are no fewer than a dozen NBA teams, all of whom have designs on receiving the world championship trophy at halftime one June evening. Therefore, what better time than now for the official Hoop There It Is 1994-95 NBA preview.

Ordinarily I would be somewhat fearful of revealing this particular Eastern Conference sentiment. But if Republicans from coast to coast, for whatever reasons can endorse Democrats, let me state that the Indiana Pacers, and not the New York Knicks, are the team to beat in the Eastern Conference. Interestingly though, two New Yorkers may turn out to have the greatest impact on that which is to

Kwanzaa fashion workshop with great ideas

PLAINFIELD—Fashion designer Jackie Robinson, will demonstrate how to select fabrics, patterns and accessories to make terrific Kwanzaa fashions, at a free program at Fabric Land, Route 22, North Plainfield on Sunday, December 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Robinson, who has had her own design business for the past four years, is one of New Jersey's foremost authorities on the utilization of African fabrics in contemporary fashions. Her extensive collection of ethnic designs can be seen at her Field Avenue studio. For further information about the Kwanzaa workshop or Robinson's design business, call 908-755-4700.



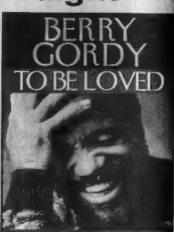
Designer Jackie Robinson modeling one of her designs

Berry Gordy sets the record straight

NEW YORK—Imagine a world without the Supremes, Smokey Robinson, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Lionel Richie, The Temptations, and The Four Tops. You've just imagined a world without Berry Gordy.

Berry Gordy, the founder of Motown, has often been written and gossiped about—the rumors quite provocative. But Berry Gordy has never acknowledged rumors, nor has he ever spoken about his own life, until now. In his book *To Be Loved*, Mr. Gordy recounts his life and the making of Motown, and takes readers right up to his decision to finally sell Motown in 1988 and the consequences of that decision.

To Be Loved chronicles Gordy's unlikely rise from the son of a Detroit plastering contractor to become one of the twentieth century's most stunning success stories. The recordmaker and recordreducer, sets the record straight on the superstars whose careers he launched; on his always keen and ac-



To Be Loved available on Warner Books

tive relationships with women, including his involvement with Diana Ross and his feelings about their daughter; on the dismissal of Florence Ballard from the Supremes; on the allegations about his deals with the Mafia; and on the accusations that Motown cheated its artists.

Holiday concert at Sacred Heart

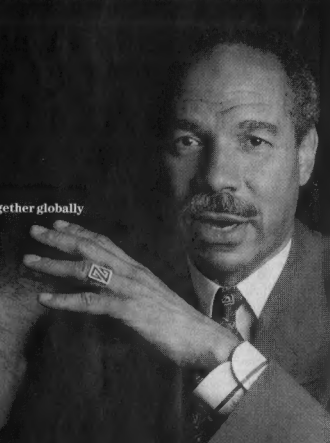
NEWARK—The 1994 holiday season is almost upon us, and this year you can start yours by attending a holiday concert vocal and instrumental extravaganza at the glorious Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Saturday, December 3, 8:00 p.m. Featured performances by the Newark Boys Choir, Richetta Manager Prima Soprano of the Geisenkirchen Opera in Germany,

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1
WASHINGTON, DC—White House Conference on Small Business, sponsored by WHCBS. For more info call 202-724-0891.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8
NEW BRUNSWICK—NJ United Minority Business Braintrust evening of events. Reception, Joshua I. Smith, Maxima Corp. Crossroads Theatre presentation of Harlem Nocturne. For tickets and further info call 908-757-5155.

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BRIDGEWATER—Critiquing Your Business Plan seminar sponsored by the Somerset County Chamber of Commerce. For more info call 908-725-1552.

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Send Business Calendar events to City News
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Economic Development Resource Center opens in Jersey City

by Paul Joseph

In an effort to revive the deteriorating Martin Luther King Drive in Jersey City, a local bank has opened an economic center aimed at empowering the community.

Jersey City politicians, local business owners and community activists and local residents gathered at Statewide Savings Bank located at 309 Martin Luther King Drive for the grand opening of the new Economic Resource Center inside the bank on Tuesday, November 15.

Officials said the facility will bring resources directly to the community and provide economic and community development information such as small business loans and home rebate programs. Staff members will also disseminate information on Urban Enterprise Zones and how to write a business plan.

"It's a place where local merchants and residents can get first-hand information about small business loans, facade improvements, city programs for rehabilitating buildings and a host of other projects," Allison Dixon, project manager for the Mar-

tin Luther King Drive Redevelopment Project, said.

Clifford Adams, the Statewide Savings Bank president, pledged that the project will be a success. "This project will go forward," he said.

Jersey City Ward 4 Councilwoman Melissa Holloway welcomed the center in her ward. She said local merchants and residents might not have participated in the programs since offices are located outside their neighborhoods.

"It's one of those events that show you we have made progress," Jersey City Mayor Bret Schundler said. Adding, "today is a kind of touchstone along the way."

Omar Barbour, chairman of the Martin Luther King Drive Steering Committee and owner of Salson Hardware store located on the street, said this was a great step in bringing back the community and that "it represents what African Americans have been fighting for in the Civil Rights Movement."

"This center is part of the empowerment process of the community," he said, adding, "the community will benefit because the center will bring people in and enable us to take

back the neighborhood."

Approximately 50 local merchants attended the opening and praised the bank for staying in the community and providing the space.

Four years ago, the bank decided to close the branch because of lack of business. However, they stayed after the city pledged to increase and improve businesses in the area.

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